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■ Group Offers Help to the Jobless: Unemployed professionals are increasing their self-esteem and decreasing the length of time needed to find a new job through an innovative program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Labor. The Professional Service Group (PSG) has helped over 3,000 white collar professionals find new jobs since the program began in early 1990, according to program advisor Bob Miller. PSG recently received national exposure on the CBS News show "48 Hours." Unemployed professionals interested in joining PSG or employers seeking qualified job candidates can contact PSG by calling (908) 418-3304 — NEW BRUNSWICK.

■ Unemployment above average in major immigrant-receiving areas: Unemployment rose further above the national average in 1991 and early 1992 in most major states and metropolitan areas of heavy immigrant settlement, according to a new analysis by the Washington-based Center for Immigration Studies. The Center's report finds that the U.S. Labor Department's 1991 listing of "labor surplus" areas includes 48 cities in the top 50 metropolitan destinations of legal immigrants for 1988-90. Most of these and a number of other "labor surplus" areas are also on the Immigration and Naturalization Service list of leading areas of settlement of 1.7 million legal aliens admitted since 1987. — WASHINGTON, DC.

■ Six Flags Corporate HQs Relocating: Six Flags Theme Parks Inc., a subsidiary of Six Flags Entertainment and a Time-Warner affiliated company, will be relocating its corporate headquarters from Arlington, Texas into 25,000 square feet of office space at SJP Properties Morris Corporate Center III in Parsippany. The reason for the move is to be closer to Time-Warner, in Manhattan. The company is well-known in the New York metropolitan area as a result of its operating The Great Adventure Amusement Park in Jackson, N.J. — PARSIPPANY.

Republican feel-good amendments exposed

TRENTON—Republican lawmakers in Trenton are attempting to duck responsibility for tough issues by proposing a plethora of amendments to the State Constitution. Assemblyman Gerald Green said recently.

Assemblyman Green (D-Union County) said 87 amendment questions have been introduced this year in the Republican-dominated Legislature. More than a dozen of these have a chance of making it onto the November 3 election ballot.

"This tidal wave of alterations to the constitution threatens the integrity of a document that has served as a national model since it was rewritten in 1947," said Assemblyman Green.

"It's apparent that State House

Clinton and Gore

How are they doing?

African Americans speak up

by Ewurase Osayande

It has now been twelve years since they have had a president sit in the Oval Office. After three depressing and even embarrassing defeats, the Democrats believe they can really win this one. They will now try to show the American public that they are not "soft liberals" but serious and concerned leaders that want to make a positive change in American lives. The recent Democratic Convention gave them the chance to strut their stuff and reach the American populous in a way that they could not before.

Whether they were successful or not still remains to be seen. Since the Convention, Bill Clinton's rating in the polls jumped to 63% — his highest rating thus far. But how is he rating with African Americans? Many of whom are still asking the question, "where do we fit in?" The broken promises that have been made by politicians to the African American community has left many in a state of hardened disbelief. It seems as if the "positive changes" promised by presidential hopefuls never reach their street corner after the candidate has been sworn in.

Will Clinton really "put America back to work?" Will the "covert" be "unbroken?" City News recently talked with certain concerned African Americans from various age groups and occupations to find out how the "unheard" feel about Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Democratic Party.

"I encourage all African Americans to register and vote. We have paid some heavy dues for that right. If you don't vote, you will be of no effect; then the politicians will not have to be concerned about you," explained East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper, whose face was seen gracing the TV screen the night that Jackson spoke at the convention. "The pain that will come from sitting out is far greater than the pain from participating."

Mayor Cooper congratulated the efforts of Ron Brown (Democratic Party Chairman) with bringing the

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Democratic presidential nominee Gov. Bill Clinton (c.) is welcomed by (l. to r.) Bishop F.C. James, Bishop Philip R. Couvins, Bishop Henry Allen Bell and Bishop H.H. Brooks to the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) General Conference in Orlando, Florida. "I've met as few in jobs, in education, and health care, in opportunity for all," said Clinton. "We are for you," Bishop Brooks said to Gov. Clinton. "Thirteen million presiding bishops in the U.S., three and a half million members, eight thousand pastors. We are for you."

Newark joins national Anti-Crime observation, lauds PSE&G for programs

On August 4, the City of Newark and the majority of its 200 city-wide crime watch groups will join and participate in the 9th Annual National Night Out, the largest anti-crime event in the nation. The local event is sponsored by the Public Service Electric and Gas company.

The day-long observance will be kicked-off at 11 a.m. in PSE&G plaza with selections by the Newark Police Department's band, followed by local and county police presentations and the dissemination of crime preventive information beginning at 6 p.m. in the Juror parking lot #3, adjacent to 13th Avenue, in the

County Court complex.

Recognizing the importance of good outdoor lighting for safety and security, the City's neighborhood watch groups will leave lights on from rear porches, garages, and even throughout Senior Citizen centers as a deterrent to criminals.

According to Wayne R. Lisk, district manager of marketing services for PSE&G, the initiative is intended to increase crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood watch programs, and focus on police/community partnerships.

Lisk noted, as an incentive PSE&G is sponsoring a contest among municipalities statewide that

will award plaques to the top award winners and certificates to all participants. Participants throughout New Jersey who register for the National Night Out contest will be rated on innovation, creativity, variety of events, and level of community involvement.

In addition to incentives offered to municipalities, PSE&G also offers money-saving programs for the installation of cost-effective outdoor lighting for city residents, according to Lisk.

Mayor James noted, "Crime prevention awareness and police/community partnerships are vital weapons in the 'War on Crime'"

and lauded PSE&G for their efforts and sponsorship of programs that enhance crime awareness and community policing policies.

He further pointed out, "There is a dire need for residents to communicate with their respective police departments and attend community meetings in order to help bridge the gap between the police and the community. Under the direction of Police Director William Celester the police department has been reorganized and has placed a great emphasis on a community-oriented police force, stressed James.

Newark councilman wants "Clean City" ordinances enforced

NEWARK—West Ward Councilman Ronald L. Rice is tired of seeing his ward strewn with litter and waste; but under New Jersey statutes, is helpless to take direct action. "As a Councilman, I can write the ordinances and pass them, but it's up to the administration to enforce them," he said.

"I'm always concerned about ward conditions and am constantly asking that when they mess up the West Ward to keep check on conditions in the neighborhoods. What he sees are too many empty lots with overgrowth, abandoned junk, broken glass, garbage and litter. He complained that many of the lots have absentee owners who do nothing to keep the lots cleared. "They invite trouble, and hide it when it's happening. They are a

health threat, a threat to life and limb, and they are ugly to look at," he said.

"Because these owners don't live in Newark is no excuse for them to neglect their property. They should be cited, brought to court and fined to the fullest extent of the law. The same thing goes for the owners of abandoned buildings — and they should be fined and fined again, until they improve their sites," said Rice.

Rice suggested that there should be an ordinance passed that would require absentee property owners to keep a superintendent on the premises to maintain order and cleanliness.

He added, "I am just as fed up with merchants who don't sweep in front of their stores or pick up litter. The law requires that they sweep three times a day, and the few who don't do it even once a day make it unpleasant for everyone."

"Right now, the city can't afford new sidewalks, or to take on major clearance projects, so it's up to us to do all we can to make our neighborhoods habitable. However,

it is also up to the city administrators to carry out the "clean street" ordinances by developing a specific plan for holding merchants, property owners and residents responsible for obeying the laws.

Rice stated that he wants, from the department directors, a written plan for systematic maintenance of vacant lots and sewer systems that overflow; a plan for boarding up or

demolishing abandoned buildings; a plan that deals with the code enforcement of littering laws and other "clean city" ordinances, including weekend enforcement.

"Without such plans," said Rice, "I will not vote for the municipal budget when it comes before the Council. It would be hard to justify such a vote to my constituents in the West Ward."

Florio names Hawkins to Superior Court

Plainfield resident Rudolph N. Hawkins Jr. has been recommended a judge to the Superior Court, Governor Jim Florio announced.

"It gives me great pleasure to renominate Judge Hawkins," said Governor Florio. "His experience and dedication have made him an outstanding member of the bench." Hawkins, of Charlotte Road, is Presiding Judge of the Family Part of Union County, and a former Municipal Court judge in Plainfield. He has also served as a Spec. Deputy Assistant Attorney General

and an Assistant Prosecutor with the Union County Prosecutor's Office. A former President of the Union County Municipal Court Judges Association, Hawkins holds memberships in local and state bar associations, and with the New Jersey Council of Family Court Judges. Hawkins graduated from Seton Hall University with a B.A., and received his J.D. from the University's School of Law.

Hawkins' nomination now goes before the New Jersey Senate for confirmation.

CITY PEOPLE

Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Understanding your feelings about sex

The many misconceptions about sex have made most people feel it. The few people with knowledge about sex, and the nerve to talk about it, are often considered to be "odd." Consider the criticism that people who advocate sex education classes receive. The cliché that none of us would be here without sex is irrefutable. But we consider sex to be something to do rather than to talk about. Problems of teenage sex and the epidemic of AIDS might be traced directly to our lack of knowledge about the issue.

So why do we regard sex as "unclean" and unworthy of discussion? Few teenage mothers learned the fundamentals of sex from their mothers. They will probably refrain from teaching their children about sex, and their daughters will probably also engage in pre-teen sex.

When young children's bodies are highly sensitive, they do not distinguish between the sensitive feelings in their amplitudes and those in the genital area. When parents, and other adults, careen them, they are careful to avoid touching the genital area. If they touch the genital area by accident, they immediately show signs of alarm. Even when bathing the child, they are careful to avoid touching this area which, to them, is taboo.

When the parent does touch the child's genital area by accident, the child feels pleasure. The parent is embarrassed. At this point in life, the child begins to associate genital pleasure (which he/she feels) with embarrassment (which the parent expresses). The child begins to believe that it is bad to feel pleasure sexual sensations.

Republican feel-good amendments exposed

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flect mainstream New Jersey. These lieutenants for the well-financed special interests are zealously attempting to impose their right-wing extremism on the general public. This fad of amendment engineering is a carefully calculated attempt to erode long-cherished personal rights."

Green said many of the amendments attempt to upset the social order that New Jersey has enjoyed over the last two centuries. He said the proposal (SCR-65) to strike out the "thorough and efficient" education clause is particularly onerous.

"The T&E clause ensures that our children receive a quality education," said Green. "The logic of removing this time-tested right escapes me. Can it be that Republicans actually are interested in taking rights from our children?"

"School funding is one of the toughest issues in the state. But the Republican logic is to run away from the challenge by attempting to obliterate the 120-year-old T&E provision from the constitution. This demonstrates an alarming insensitivity to the need of our chil-

dren and our economy."

Green also expressed concern over a proposed amendment (SCR-23) that would prohibit courts from using the constitution's anti-discrimination and equal-protection clauses in school reorganization cases.

"Proposals like this one are meant to divide our state," said he. "You get the eerie feeling that Republicans want to carve New Jersey into separate Balkan republics. They want us to become the U.S. version of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

In closing, Green said many of the constitutional amendments Republicans have proposed are frivolous pieces of legislation bordering on the absurd. He called them "feel good" amendments because they only serve as public relations.

East Orange Community Market Days

EAST ORANGE—There are still three opportunities to enjoy Community Market Days at City Hall Plaza, corners of North Arlington Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard. The markets will take place Tuesdays, August 4, 11 and 18 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Attractions include fresh vegetables, fruits and hot foods, as well as arts, crafts, books and other merchandise for browsing and purchase. A special market

coupon program will be available for approximately 1,000 municipalities at risk participation in the WIC program. Each of the three remaining market days will have a special theme including: Community Day, Social Service Day and Caribbean Day.

For more information about the community markets or other "Summer In The City" events call the East Orange Summerline at (201) 266-5147 or 266-5142.



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Eagle Award Recipient Steve Ewing



Steven Ewing, President of Crossroads Ford in East Orange, is this month's winner of the Eagle Award, a recognition of those who dare to "soar," by the City News Publishing Company.

Ewing has owned this auto dealership, a Ford Motor Company franchise, since 1989. Crossroads Ford sells new and used cars and trucks, and has a full service and parts department, said Ewing.

The successful company employs 40 people and has annual sales of \$10 million, Ewing said.

Ewing's educational background includes a B.A. in English, earned from Delaware State College, and additional courses in accounting provided by Ford Motor Company.

Prior to buying the franchise, Ewing spent eight years in sales with a Chevy dealer until "it became time to take what I had learned and move forward, working for myself." He said his father, Arthur William Ewing, was a tremendous help to him in purchasing the Ford franchise.

Ewing said his company is doing well because "the community is what keeps us

in business." Most of his customers are from East Orange and other parts of Essex County.

Generosity support of a business should be repaid with community service, Ewing believes. So he is involved with a number of activities, including guidance for high school students, young athletes, the City of East Orange Jobs 100 program and the Economic Development Corporation of East Orange. He said he is also an associate member of the Board of Trustees of Utopia College, and supports police and fire department organizations.

"Any business has to become a part of the community," Ewing said, and "too often we patronize people with no ties to the community and we should stop doing that. We should ask businesses what they do in the community. There's a cycle—the community supports our business, we employ community people and support community activities."

When a business is guided by such a philosophy, there is a reward. Ewing said the parents of his children have a problem with vandals, which continued during his early days with the company. "We became a member of the community and the vandalism stopped. Men and women in the community understand that Crossroads cares."

Another key to the success of the business is in how they treat customers. "I treat people like I'd like to be treated," Ewing said. One thing people want is to be able to take their cars in for service on Saturdays.

Crossroads Ford lets people do this and Ewing said his company was one of the first in the area to provide this option.

City News salutes the work of this young and dynamic entrepreneur. Ewing, who describes himself as a "hard working guy," demonstrates the sort of determination and skill so needed to carry African-American business to a new level.

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North Ward Center graduates 300

NEWARK—On the 25th anniversary of the "Newark Riot," officials of the Business Training Institute (BTI) graduated over 300 students on July 23 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark.

The business school, run by Newark's North Ward Center, Inc., is a multi-cultural human services agency affiliated with the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (MOET), school officials said. The institute trains students in secretarial, clerical and other related professional skills.

Mayor Sharpe James served as the keynote speaker at the graduation. Raymond Bramucci, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor; the Honorable Thomas D'Allesio, Essex County Executive; Daniel Akwei, acting director of MOET, were among the 2000 people attending the commencement exercise.

Mayor James said, "The Center has proven itself to be an institution at the forefront of training, development and employment placement. The ceremony, on the riot's anniversary, is a landmark in the Training Institute's history and serves as another sign of the ongoing Newark Renaissance."

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OPINION EDITORIAL

Labels are for cans not for people

Labels are great for garments and products. They let people know the fabric they will be wearing and maintaining. Product (particularly food) labels let consumers know what they will be ingesting and what it can do to their bodies. It is necessary to know about the ingredients or composition of products because they are made of finite elements that can build, destroy or have no effect whatsoever on your body.

Not so with people. Labeling of people has always resulted in discrimination, prejudicial judgments, destruction of values and morals and offenses death.

Then why do we continue to label individuals and peoples? And why does our leading institution of "fairness and objectivity"—the press—continue to use labels as it attempts to present "fair and objective" information to the public?

In this presidential year there is a proliferation of labels leading to the "quick fix" that many politicians hope the general public will buy to take the focus off complex issues.

Case in point, after Ross Perot decided to get out of the presidential race, he was labeled a "quitter" on the cover of *Newsweek* magazine. Not "Why Perot Quit?" or "Perot Quits" but the magazine clearly labels him a "quitter." Hopefully, the American public understands that a person who has become a self-made billionaire in this country is no quitter. Hopefully, the American public will examine why Ross Perot had such an impact on the spectrum of the disenfranchised in this country ranging from white middle-class males to the newly homeless.

Most important, as this election rolls into high gear, hopefully, the American public will reject the Willie Horton, the quitter, the liberal, the conservative, the quick-fix labels used to describe the complex makeup of men and women who are attempting to serve them.

Quote of the Week

"The time has come for real solutions, not political sound bites and moralistic lectures. Not just campaign sermons on family values that don't address the survival problems that many families face. Nor just criticism of entertainers to divert attention from the multitude of problems that this country faces."

Dr. William F. Gibson
National Board Chairman, NAACP

We can win this election

by Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

We can win this election if we believe in something (or someone) and go ahead and commit ourselves on the basis of that belief.

I believe in Barbara Jordan. I believe what she says. I believed her sixteen years ago when she was the keynote of the 1976 Democratic National Convention, and I believed her last week.

I believe in Barbara Jordan. And I believe in the Democratic Party.

I believe in the Democratic Party because throughout my voting years only the Democratic party has made an honest effort to include people like me. To extend the Constitution, as Barbara Jordan has said, to people like her and like me. It is by far the only party of inclusion in the United States. This year's platform and those who rose to speak for Bill Clinton remind us of the distinctiveness of the Democratic Party and, by holding these precepts, Clinton's own distinctiveness. Character that commands our respect and compels us to vote for him, as for ourselves, November.

The preamble to the Demo-

cratic platform calls for "a revolution in government to take power away from entrenched bureaucracies [and private corporations, I hope] and narrow interests in Washington and put it back in the hands of ordinary people...."

"I make this revolution," the platform says, "weaken New Covenants and private corporations, I hope and narrow interests in Washington and put it back in the hands of ordinary people...."

Representative Dave McCurdy of Oklahoma says the Democratic Party is "the party of hard-working people and the sworn enemies of special privilege.... [Democrats] believe that government is us.... And whoever receives from government has an obligation to give something back."

I have not always liked what I heard (or sensed) about Mr. Clinton, but I believe that in response to acts committed (what Paul Tsongas calls "generational immortality" over the past 12 years by the Reagan-Bush regimes—there is more to be but one immediate priority. It is our

commitment to the proposition that, as Tsongas says, "George Bush must go."

I have looked again at Bill Clinton and looked back over the months of press report about him. I've listened to these outstanding Democrats in Convention—Democrats like Barbara Jordan and Bill Bradley and Jimmy Carter—speaking of Democratic principles and Clinton's commitment to them. And I have concluded that he is not a "gerbil," and Ross Perot can never be an alternative for this Democratic Party. I'm willing to believe the Bill Clinton who has spoken for himself and the Bill Clinton of whom many Democrats, I believe, have spoken highly.

On the third night of the Convention, New York Governor Mario Cuomo, in nominating Clinton to be the next President of the United States, said: "Bill Clinton believes, in the first principle of Democratic commitment, the politics of inclusion, the solemn obligation to create opportunity for all our people...." Clinton, he says, "wants to invest [in the people]—in producing well-trained workers, new technologies, safe energy, in entrepreneurship. In things that will generate economic growth for all the people, making wider the gateway to opportunity for all the people."

The governor of Virginia, L. Douglas Wilder, is a pretty man following, a man skilled in coalition building. They say Clinton is a coalition builder too. Maybe he can achieve with the U.S. Congress what a veto president could never achieve. Governor Wilder describes Clinton as "a capable, innovative leader who has the intelligence to

if former U.S. Representative Barbara Jordan is a member of Clinton's team and a willing supporter and he is a willing listener and learner, a man who will be counseled by diverse points of view (something the present administration has never done)—I can give my vote to Mr. Clinton.

I believe Barbara Jordan and Bill Bradley when they say America's strength is in its diversity. We are one, we are a whole people, as Jordan said Monday night. If Bill Clinton reflects that, if he believes it and takes it to heart, if he can be trusted (If Jordan trusts him to make us whole—I

As I See It...

by Connie Woodruff

The Newark Councilwoman-at-Large described by many as a guardian angel for the homeless, abused women and children and rape victims, is now being called a "Tarnished angel" by political friend and foe.

The news that councilwoman Marie L. Villani, 71 and her son, Allen, 37 have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges they conspired and stole a paltry \$100,000 from the city, exploded with the force of an atomic bomb.

The Villanis could go to jail for 75 years and face huge fines if found guilty of fraudulently negotiating salary and vacation checks for their own use, submitting thousands of dollars in other false expenses when not entitled to them.

Nobody answered Villani's office phone, Friday. Her secretary is rumored to be vacationing in Bermuda and another office worker suggested the councilwoman may be at her summer home in Belmar. Allen Villani allegedly lives in Morris County.

The indictments brought a rash of rumors to an end. For nearly two years the city hall grapevine and city-wide gossip had been that the councilwoman's office was a target of the FBI and that the potential for "big trouble" loomed on the horizon.

Mrs. Villani has been a council member since 1973 when she was appointed unanimously (by council members) to complete her husband Ralph's unexpired term when he became too ill and infirmed to carry out his council duties.

At the time it was a triumph for politically minded Newark women

who, regardless of ethnic background, have repeatedly received the pleasant blonde who I still attractive in her 70s. Marie and Ralph Villani, both widowed, married in 1970. He was a leading politician who had served as Newark's first Italian-American mayor and when the city changed its form of government, ran and was elected the first new city council president.

He appointed his new wife as his chief aide and when ill health sidelined him, she stepped in, handling, his council and public duties.

It didn't take the woman who had her own interior decorating and fashion business when she met him, too, to carve out her own niche in city/country political and social circles.

The mother of two teenage sons, she was a role model for working women who were single heads of households. And she was much appreciated for her consistency in championing the cause of women and children and more recently, the city's homeless families.

She helped found the Newark Teenage Pregnancy Task Force and SARA (Sexual Assault and Rape Analysis), worked closely with the Child Abuse Protective Service Coordinating Council, the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women and a host of civic organizations.

According to sources allegedly close to the Villani's, mother and son are expected to plead not guilty at the arraignment that is expected to take place within two weeks.

Meantime, when the indictment hit the front pages of the daily press, mum was the word in city hall.

can enthusiastically vote for Bill Clinton. Our nation can evaluate peace as more noble than war," Carter has known Bill Clinton for 15 years and he says Clinton "is the only candidate who can unite our Government, heal our nation's wounds, face facts with courage, and marshal the American people to face a difficult future with hope and confidence."

If Bill Clinton believes with New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley

Things were unusually quiet in the place where nearly everybody has an opinion to share.

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Say what you will. The North Ward Center, Inc., under the direction of Stephen N. Aduabo, Sr., gets things done.

When Aduabo formed the Newark Business Training Institute as a new project at his Mt. Prospect Avenue multi-cultural human services agency a year ago, he did so without fanfare and the glare of publicity.

On July 23, the first of some 300 graduates received certificates in a variety of business office skills, customer service/employment skills, word processing, medical office skills and programs to enhance the skills of older workers.

Students in the programs were recommended by the City of Newark Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, Essex County REACH (Realizing Economic Achievement), the Essex County Division of Employment Training and the N.J. Dept. of Labor Office of Customized Training.

More than a thousand family members, friends of the graduates and just curious supporters of the North Ward Center attended the graduation ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark.

Included as speakers and guests were a cross section of Essex County dignitaries including Newark Mayor Sharpe James, who gave the graduation address, former Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, Raymond Chambers of the Amelior Foundation, Essex County Executive Thomas J. D'Alesio with Bishop Joseph

A. Francis, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark offering the invocation.

TV personality, Stephen Aduabo, Jr., emceed the event and remarks were offered by directors of the different programs: Frances Swindell, Theresa Velazquez, Ernestine Gallo and Annie McLucas.

Prior to special remarks by Dept. of Labor Commissioner, Ray Brummet, certificates were presented by the directors of participating city and county divisions: Frances English, Newark Business Training Institute, Leo Turetsky, chief, Office of Customized Training, Daniel Akwei, deputy, Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, John Griffin, chairman, Essex County PIC, Clare Elton, coordinator, Essex County REACH.

Graduates working for the city and county took advantage of the opportunity to upgrade their business skills. Others found new ways to communicate with the public they serve. Older workers gained new knowledge about jobs they have been performing for years and through the REACH program many heads of households are expected to exchange a welfare check for a paycheck.

The hour long program was a moving experience even for those who attend hundreds of graduations. The sight of young and old clucking the symbols (certificates) of achievement said more than words about the new home the Newark Business Training Institute holds for the people in this community. NBTTI is a partnership with people bringing labor and management together for the greater good of all who will be a part of Workforce 2,000.

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party platform together. He went on to say that Bill Clinton has shown that he is concerned with the urban community. "... Bill Clinton stated before he was nominated that he would endorse the US Conference of Mayors' 7 point plan to put America back to work." The plan includes targeted fiscal assistance for cities in need, a community development block grant, and a job training partnership act.

It is dedicated to putting America back to work. We've clearly seen what nightmarish cutbacks the present government has made. I support the nomination of Bill Clinton."

But not everyone seems as supportive. "A lot of what they are saying sounds good, but will they actually do it?" said Adolph W. Yancy, college student and grandson of William R. Tolbert, past president of Liberia in Africa. He showed an uncertainty in trusting American politicians. "The media has too much control; it picks the president for us. Whatever image the media portrays that is the one they will vote for... they only look at the surface of the candidates, not their past record."

Many young people who should be feeling the empowerment that comes from voting, are instead feeling apathetic with the entire democratic process. Marv David, president of The Organization of African Unity, spoke on behalf of Black students when he stated that the system cannot be trusted.

"They have never had our interests in mind. What has Bill Clinton done for Arkansas? As presi-

dent, he can only do so much, anyway. What we need is more people working in the community. Historically, the Democrats have only exploited us and used us, and used exactly what they have done with James Jackson. The bottom line is that we have to do for ourselves."

David's sentiments were partially shared by Charles Webster, community leader and educator. "We are in a very difficult time for people of color. As we are celebrating some of our victories from the '88 campaign that Jackson created for us, such as Ron Brown as the Chairman of the party, we must come back to the realization that the Democratic party has moved to a 'conservative agenda.' And there is nothing wrong with that, if it addresses the needs of the country."

Webster went on to describe a concept of empowerment that he calls "let-leverage." In this concept, the people take the power from the executive office and become a viable force to be reckoned with. "We tend to blame a lot on Bush, what we're doing is giving them too much power. There is nothing wrong with Black Republicans. What is important is that these Black politicians keep their parties speaking to the issues. The only one trying is Jesse." Who, since the convention has been labeled by the mainstream media as the "moral" doctor for the Democrats. "He doesn't speak to the moral side, Webster added, he speaks to the correct side."

"I will not be voting in this election—I don't see any real lead-

ership. Instead, I will continue to work in the community dealing with local issues and encouraging our youth to get involved."

Hitting things closer to home was Carolyn D. Richardson, single working mother of three, as she talked about the worries of the

struggling Black working class. When asked about her number one priority in this election, she responded, "the economy—job market, the salary squeeze on jobs has made it harder to find work in the field that you are qualified for. They are not giving us jobs, and there are no programs to get help. No medical benefits. What about the people that can't afford insurance? Where are the health benefits? We need help! Health insurance is something everyone needs. That should be the government's first priority if this is a government 'by the people, for the people.'"

Ms. Richardson went on to say that Clinton and Gore are the "better of two evils," she explained, "He sounds good, but a lot of things sound good—it's really up to us. We just cannot sit back and complain. Now is the time to stand united and make this campaign work for us."

If these current sentiments continue to upscale, the Democrats are in for a rough ride to the White House. The message that is apparently being sent to Clinton, Gore and the Democratic party by the African American community is, "We won't be ignored. You may be ignoring us, but we are not going nowhere until you hear us and deal with our issues!"

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Jersey students bring home medals in NAACP Olympics of the mind



Scott Rudnow, ACT-SO gold medal winner in the Physics Energy category is flanked by his advisors in Nashville.

NASHVILLE, TN—Four New Jersey teens walked away with medals at an awards ceremony held on July 13, at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center honoring this year's winners of the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technical and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO), a national competition sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Scott Rudnow, Curtis Coltrane, Tyshawn Hawkins and Alycia Carmichael joined 68 students from around the county who were awarded medals for a first, second or third place finish in one of 24 categories in the nationwide talent search.

Rudnow, a 19-year-old senior at Steven's High School placed first in the Physics Energy category. The Edison resident was the only Gold

medalist from the Garden State. Coltrane, a 16-year-old junior from Montclair High School, earned a Silver medal in Photography. Hawkins, a 17-year-old junior, and Carmichael, a 17-year-old senior, brought home a Bronze medal in Computer Science and a Silver medal in Poetry respectively. Both are students at Plainfield High School.

Created in 1978 by nationally syndicated columnist Vernon Jarrett, the ACT-SO competition annually involves over 25,000 students in grades 9 through 12 from throughout the country. The categories of competition include Biology, Chemistry, Essay, Playwriting, Dance, Painting, and Music Composition. Fifteen hundred finalists advanced to the final round of competition held the NAACP's 83rd Annual National Convention in Nashville.

Stephen Jordan, Jr., Harris Petrie.

In the Kunitz (fighting) competition, the winners include: First Place—Erica Gainer, Dee Eagle, Juana Sanchez, Stephen Jordan, Jr., Fernando Sanchez, Victor Mangui, Michael Gilliam; in Second Place—Chanta Hunter, Lucy Sanchez, Latief Muhammad, Judy Martinez, Jorge Manay; and in Third Place—Jason Douglas, Jonathan Robinson.

EAST ORANGE—The outdoor education program of Essex and Bergen counties still has openings for the week of August 10-15. The traditional camp with a central dining hall and cabins is located in the heart of Stokes State Forest. Children ages 9-13 years old will have a choice of morning programs, which include swimming, boating, nature study, crafts, outdoor cookery, and other educational and fun activities. The afternoon recreational programs include boating, swimming, and field games. Every evening presents a different activity, from counselor hunt to campfire. Campers 14-

15 years of age must participate in the Counselor in Training program while they are at camp. Youth ages 16-17 may serve as Junior Counselors. Adult volunteers, 18 years and older, will serve as Senior Counselors.

The 4-H outdoor education program is open to all youth 9-15 years of age, regardless of race, color, sex, handicap, disability, or national origin. It is sponsored cooperatively by Essex County Executive Thomas J. D'Alesio, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Department of Civil Services, Rutgers-the State University, and the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture.

Residents of Essex County do not need to be a 4-H member in order to attend, but all new campers must attend an orientation meeting along with their parents. The meeting will be held Monday, August 3,

from 7:30 till 9:00 PM at the Bergen County 4-H Office, Paramus. Late registrations will be accepted at that time. Please call the Essex County 4-H office at 678-7807 from 9:00 to 4:00 weekdays for registration forms and directions to the orientation.

Christian Youth Group travels south to perform at Christian Theme Park

NEWARK—The Youth Challengers of the Tri-State, a Newark-based, non-profit Christian youth organization, is on its way this week to New Heritage, U.S.A., Fort Mills, South Carolina, to perform a musical production for kids of all ages—"Kid's Praise: Psalms: Camping Adventure."

The performance—done by seven children from the tri-state area—is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, in the Grand Ballroom in the Christian them park's Heritage Grand Hotel, said Denise Farrar, the group's program director.

"We're deeply excited about the trip," she said. "Many of our children have been raised in the North, so a trip down South will be educational for all of them."

In addition, she added, "I think it is important for the children to experience a Christian atmosphere that's also fun. Many times, people don't think the two can go together."

The performance is part of the 1992 Northeast District Bible Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day), a Denver, Colorado-based religious body not affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The bi-annual conference, which Farrar said is expected to draw up to 400 people, is from July 21-July 26 at New Heritage, U.S.A.

The production features "Psalms: The Singing Songbook," a character created by Maranatha Music Co. for use in a series of audio and video tapes. The products were created in order to give Christian youngsters positive entertainment with a message.

The Challengers, formed four years ago, performed the production at the last district conference, held in Ohio in 1990. The organization sponsors a host of activities and socials aimed at providing alternatives to youth in the tri-state area.

"Camp Out" in East Orange

EAST ORANGE—East Orange youth will sleep under the stars in Washington Park with the "Camp Out Program" which has begun and continues through September 25, 1992.

"The Camp Out allows East Orange youth to experience camping right here in the City," said Mayor Cardell Cooper. "I encourage youth to come and enjoy the great outdoors and this special adventure during the summer months."

Camp Outs are open to youth ages 8-12 years and will include regular camping experience including a camp fire, tents, storytelling, a

treasure hunt and relay races.

Dinner and breakfast are provided. The Camp Outs are free. Youngsters must provide their own sleeping bag and other supplies.

Young campers are encouraged to have long pants, socks, sneakers, jacket or sweatshirt, sleeping bag or comforter, flashlight, washcloth, a long stick for roasting and marshmallows!

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. The Camp Out can accommodate 25 campers a week. For more information call the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs at 201-266-5252.

Amateur Golf Tournament

The Plainfield Division of Recreation announces that entries are now open for the 1992 Plainfield Area Golf Championships. No more than 32 contestants will be accepted for championship play. Any Amateur Golf residing or working in the City of Plainfield, North Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Dunellen, Watchung, Metuchen, South Plainfield, Piscataway Township, Westfield, Arbor, Edison Township, or Greenbrook Township is eligible to compete in the Championships.

To be considered eligible, all entries must be received on or before Friday, July 31, 1992. Send entry to: Division of Recreation, City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07061. Attn: Mr. John M. Pepe. There will be an entry fee of \$8.00, which is payable at time of entry.

The 36 Hole Championship Flight: First Round Play, August 7, 1992 will be played at the Plainfield Country Club West Nine. All entries will compete in the First Round. The final will consist of the low 12 plus ties and will be played on August 8, 1992.

National Night Out Combats Crime

You can join more than 22 million Americans in the nation's largest crime prevention program on August 4 and all you have to do is flip a light switch.

Turning on outdoor lights to help ward off criminals is a major part of the National Night Out program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, law enforcement agencies, and local utilities such as Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

National Night Out is designed to show support for local crime-prevention efforts by boosting safety awareness and strengthening neighborhood watch programs. It also sends a message that residents are determined to fight crime and reclaim their streets and neighborhoods.

For information about National Night Out, call your local law enforcement office.

Inroads honors students

WHIPPANY—On July 29, 1992, INROADS/Northern New Jersey, Inc. will hold its 7th Annual Awards Banquet at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany, New Jersey. The event will include recognition of academic achievement scholars; outstanding high school seniors; awards to the "Business Coordinator, Supervisor, and Advisor of the Year," "Parent of the Year," "Frank C. Carr Service Award," INROADS Spirit Award, and the "Corporate Plus Award."

Henry Brandon, Newark resident and 1985 Science High School graduate, will be recognized as the 1991-92 INROADS Alumni of the Year for his outstanding contributions to INROADS/Northern New Jersey, Inc.

INROADS/Northern New Jersey, Inc.'s African American Academic Scholars:

Bloomfield: Keisha Barnes, Georgetown University
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College of New Jersey
Hoboken: Yana Carter, Villanova; Yolanda Carter, Villanova

Irvington: Rene Despinos, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Hassan Jackson, Morgan State University

Manalapan: Keisha Dennard, University of Pennsylvania
Montclair: Mark Axi, Alabama State University; Pratik, Rutgers University

Orange: Scott Holmes, Rutgers University

Parlissbury: Irene Holmes-Reeves, Rutgers University
Plainfield: Mette Brown, Rider College

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Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, JULY 31

NEW YORK—WWRL, is celebrating 10 years as the nation's #1 gospel station with a series of concerts entitled "Salvation Across the Hudson." The show features Tramaine Hawkins, the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Evangelist Dorothy Newbold and the WWRL Community Chorus. Showtimes are 7 and 10:30 p.m. at the Beacon Theatre. Call 212-496-7070.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

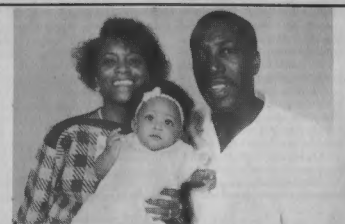
PLAINFIELD—The Families Trust in God, Inc. will have a special family night, and on August 10 a special back to school activity for youth and children will be held. For more information call 908-686-0100.

Send your religious calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060

Gospel Music Workshop of America announces State Convention

NEWARK—The New Jersey Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America presents its first State Convention, Thursday and Friday, July 30 and 31, 7:30 p.m. at the First Zion Hill Baptist Church, 1-15 Leslie Street in Newark. The convention continues on Saturday, August 1, 7:30 p.m. at Victory Temple of Deliverance in Atlantic City. Speakers include Rev. W.H. Rutherford of Greater New Point Baptist Church in Irvington and Rev. Charles Lyles of Victory Temple. Musical guests include the Rev. Albert Jamison and the GMAW New York State Mass Choir, Michele White and the Westchester Mass Choir, Ronnie Felder and the Voices of Inspiration, Alvin Darling and Celebration, St. Paul Concert Choir and many more. Admission is open to the public and a free will offering is requested. For more information call 201-434-6203.

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SATURDAY	Bible School	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
	2nd & 4th SUNDAY Children's Church	12:00 Noon
FOURTH FRIDAY	Thema for Christ Ministry	12:15
	Youth Night	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

St. James conducts program to address needs of children with crack-related problems

The high cost of crack addiction — its medical and emotional effect on addicted children, and the impact the drug has and will have on society — was the topic of a continuing medical education program recently sponsored by Saint James Hospital, a division of Cathedral Healthcare System in Newark.

More than 80 physicians, social workers, and educators attended the program, "Crack Babies: Present and Future," which was held at the Portuguese Pavilion.

Jose Gomez-Rivera, M.D., a psychiatrist on staff at Saint James, introduced the program with an overview of the drug, which is a very pure form of cocaine intended for smoking rather than inhaling. Crack's low price and reputation as a quick aphrodisiac have made it particularly appealing. Estimates indicate that as many as 30 million Americans have tried cocaine in some form, and \$5 million use the drug for recreation.

Approximately 1 million people are addicted to cocaine, and the drug's long-term effects are far-reaching, particularly with newborns. Pregnant women who use cocaine often give birth to babies with low birth weights, who also have physical, neurological, and behavioral disorders.

"Health care workers are very concerned with caring for newborn babies who are addicted to crack, but the problem does not end with the birth. It begins there," said Dr. Gomez-Rivera. "The evidence shows that these children are experiencing medical and behavioral problems as they get older. We need to be aware of these problems and have a plan in place to offer assistance to these children."

Following the introduction, Jeremiah T. Dubyk, M.D., director of the obstetrics and gynecology department at Saint James, spoke on ways physicians can recognize cocaine abuse in pregnant women and how to use the information to provide care for both the woman and the infant.

Shyan Sun, M.D., a neonatologist on staff at the hospital, discussed ways to treat newborns addicted to crack and the long-term effects the substance has on the body.

clinical nurse specialist for Saint Michael's Medical Center, which is also under the direction of Cathedral Healthcare System, spoke on the effects of crack abuse on an infant's ability to bond with the parent. Mary Stuart, supervising family services specialist with the state's Division of Youth and Family Services, outlined the various types of support available for children addicted to crack; Charles Bell, a member of the Newark Board of Education, discussed the topic of substance abuse in the schools.

Luisa Sholtz, M.D., a child psychiatrist, and Dr. Gomez-Rivera, each spoke on the behavioral problems experienced by children born addicted to crack. "These children are aggressive, hyperactive, have trouble concentrating, and may also exhibit organic changes in their brain wave activity," noted Dr. Gomez-Rivera. "The problem is compounded because many of these children do not have stable home environments and are moved from one foster home to the next."

Dr. Gomez-Rivera said health care workers need to address the

issue of crack addiction in children, first by becoming educated in ways to diagnose and treat women and infants addicted to cocaine, and then by providing the follow-up treatment that is necessary.

"Crack addiction is already a

very big problem in cities such as Newark," added Dr. Gomez-Rivera. "If ignored, it will permeate every aspect of the community. We'll pay for it in the school, with our tax dollars, and in society."

The educational program at

Saint James kicked off a commitment by members of the audience to develop a concrete plan to care for women and children with crack-related problems. St. James conducts program to address needs of children with crack-related problems

Relief for crime victims

NEWARK—Crime is an ever increasing problem in major cities; especially in urban, poor communities where moral is low and jobs are few.

Statistics show that the rate of crime in large cities is 82% higher than in smaller cities and in most cases, the majority of the residents are living below the poverty level.

Due to the devastating effects of the recession many large cities are in a crunch, and recent reports show that Newark, NJ is the poorest city in the nation. Unfortunately, Newark also has a bad reputation of being a high crime area.

With a high rate of crime, Newark inevitably has a large number of crime victims; many left with feel-

ings of hopelessness and no place to turn.

In the midst of what seems to be despair, there is an agency which offers aid to crime victims and helps them get back on their feet. That agency is Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc.

NESF is a non-profit, social service agency providing emergency assistance to Newark and Greater Newark residents since 1977. During that time, the agency has helped over 100,000 families, and the numbers continue to grow at an alarming rate.

NESF has several programs including one that is specially designed for families and individuals who are crime victims. The pro-

gram is called V.O.C.A. (Victims of Crime Assistance) program.

V.O.C.A. provides a wide range of services including: rental, food, and public utility assistance. In addition, V.O.C.A. will assist with having locks changed for persons who have experienced burglaries or break-ins, assistance with prescriptions for persons who have been physically assaulted, and V.O.C.A. will also provide transportation. Additional assistance can also be provided.

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Business Calendar

SATURDAY, JULY 31

BEDMINSTER—The Friday Frisbee Club will hold its third meeting of 1992 on July 31 at 12 noon at the Fidler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster, NJ. The featured speaker is Mr. Philip Beaudin, Executive VP of L. J. Alton for Action. He is also the Executive VP for its subsidiary group - Public/Private Partnership Council. Could privatization be an answer to high taxes and tight budgets? Don't miss this fascinating speaker on the Privatization movement in New Jersey. There is a nominal fee for lunch. For more information call 908-231-7040.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

BRIDGE WATER—The Somerset Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "Keys to a Successful Lease Negotiation" at 9-9:30 a.m. at Jack O'Connor Restaurant, Rt. 22, Bridgewater. For more information call 908-752-1552.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

SOMERVILLE—The Somerset Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "1991 Car Care" from 7:30-8 a.m. to be held at the Chamber of Commerce, 64 West End Ave., Somerville. For more information call 908-752-1552.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

SOMERSET—The 7th annual New Jersey Employment Exposition for Business and Industry will be held October 19-21 at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, New Jersey. The show will feature regulators, industry experts and several workshops on relevant issues. For more information call 201-373-1100.

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Business Exchange...

I have a dream

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NPA)—"I told them when I came here that I wasn't looking for a gold watch from the company," comments Warren Thompson a high ranking Vice President who is preparing to leave the Marriott Corporation. Thompson never intended to retire with a gold watch and pension package after putting in 30 years of employment with the hotel and hospitality industry multi-national corporation. He had a dream of business ownership and that of being an employer instead of an employee.

As a teenager, 15 years ago, Thompson sold hot dogs and hamburgers at a park concession in his native area of Tidewater, Virginia. "Since then, I've always wanted to be in the restaurant business," he

said. As of June 1992, Warren Thompson is well on his way to fulfilling his dream of being a part in the restaurant business. As the majority owner of Thompson Hospitality Inc., his boyhood dream is coming true after 9 years of employment with Marriott. Thompson has bought 31 of Marriott's Bob's Big Boy outlets, and when the deal is completed later this summer, he will be one of the largest employers of people in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area.

Thompson Hospitality Inc. will become the largest black owned restaurant businesses in the country and the largest black franchise of any of the nation's businesses. At projected earnings of over \$60 million a year, Warren Thompson's dream will have catapulted him into being the 24th largest black business in the nation. Instead of putting

in time and energy for someone else in order to get a gold watch from them, Thompson will have over 2,000 people who will get watches and a pension plan from his company.

Holder of an MBA from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia, Thompson started with Marriott as an Assistant Manager Trainee in a Roy Rogers Restaurant outlet. "Yes I flipped hamburgers," Thompson says proudly of his training toward his goal. He also learned the importance of keeping the company's New Jersey Turnpike restaurants' restrooms and loyalty after he gained the position of Regional Manager during his 9 years with the company. Currently the highest ranking black in all of Marriott's world-wide operations, the 32-year-old Thompson is showing African-American youth that it is reasonable to have a personal dream that goes further than dreaming of little black and white boys and girls playing together, or of "keeping hope alive" in a dream that someday he could be elected to

political office. Rather than relying on the whims of his corporate boss, or elections by the general public, for his destiny, Warren Thompson set a plan for his fate and he worked hard to chart and achieve it. He has been truly successful in moving toward his dream. With a \$40 million-a-year enterprise, Warren Thompson has already set a future of financial independence for his kids, their kids and his kid's, kids' kids.

Thompson's success story shows the kinds of dreams Black Americans should start to focus on. Instead of dreaming of integrating the work force, and restrooms, more people of our kind should seek to join Thompson in owning the operations for a work force. "I wanted to strike out on my own, although Marriott has been an excellent place to learn the restaurant business," said Thompson, who also is mentor to dozens of upwardly mobile blacks during his years with the company. He is a true success story," said the Marriott recruiter who found Thompson while he was in college. "He was in the right place at the right time, but he also had a good

academic background, good people skills. He demonstrated that he was willing to work harder at different jobs than other people," said the Marriott personnel executive. Warren Thompson was one of the company's top 25 executives, had oversight over a \$130 million budget and over 2,000 employees in his span of supervision, and still he left.

The public shouldn't look for the name of Thompson Hospitality on the restaurants that he will own. After the purchase is completed, Thompson's restaurant chain will operate under the name of Shoney's Restaurants Inc. Thompson, along with a non-related partner Darrell Thompson, will buy the 31 current Bob's Big Boy from Marriott and convert them to Shoney's style-restaurants in a \$17.6 million deal. In implementing his dream, Thompson's company will convert the restaurant units, each of which will provide family-style meals at moderate prices at cost from \$15.00 to \$350.00 each.

Thompson's "role-model" advice is: "Plan your work and work your plan."

Dem party chair Ron Brown to address black pilots

BOSTON—The Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP), a national group comprised of commercial aviators, will hold its 17th annual convention in Boston, Mass., beginning Monday August 10, 1992.

Held in conjunction with the 21st annual gathering of Tuskegee Army Incorporated (TAI), the six-day event will feature Democratic National Party Chairman Ron Brown as the keynote speaker. Brown will address the delegates at both conventions at the Awards Banquet on Saturday.

"We are anticipating an exciting and productive convention offering information and inspiration to all who attend," said OBAP president M. Perry Jones. "In addition to an informative convention where we will discuss the status of African Americans in the aviation industry, we have the great fortune of having Ron Brown, one of the most dy-

namic individuals in America, deliver our keynote address.

We can win

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endorse the Clinton-Gore ticket.

If he believes with Jordan that

racism is unacceptable—no matter what color it is—and that the Democratic Party "will not tolerate bigotry under any guise, [that] America's strength is rooted in its diversity" — I can vote for Mr. Clinton.

No American should deny affiliation with the Democratic party. Nor allow other parties or corporate media to define, divide or dictate our allegiance. As frustrating as it sometimes is — the Democratic Party is still the most inclusive and progressive party in America. It is time to pull in the wagons. Set our belief on someone or something. Commit ourselves and act affirmatively on our belief.

I honestly believe WE CAN WIN THIS ELECTION!

A call for unity

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continued to divert attention from the multitude of problems that this country faces."

Gibson also issued a warning in his message when he sternly said, "Faced with a long hot summer ahead, we need vision, not business as usual. We need a politics of inclusion to unite us — not a politics of division to distract us. We need an agenda, a plan of action, to rebuild America from the bottom up for all its citizens."

Commenting on the recent events in Los Angeles, Gibson said, "Whether you view the over one billion dollars in destruction of property, the 40 lives lost, the increased unemployment, or the 4,000 businesses burned as the products of a

rebellion or a riot, you have to know in your heart of hearts, that what Abraham Lincoln said over 130 years ago 18 still true today. 'A House divided against itself cannot stand.' This country cannot continue half affluent, half impoverished, hungry, unemployed, homeless and without hope."

Gibson closed his remarks by quoting from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in 1964, in which King said, "We are faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, na-

ked, and dejected with lost opportunity. The tide in the affairs of men does not remain at the flood, it ebbs. We may cry out desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is dead to every plea and rushes on. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residues of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words: too late. There is an invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect. The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on. We still have a choice today, nonviolent coexistence or violent confrontation. This may well be mankind's last chance to choose between chaos and community."

Gibson added, "This may well be America's last chance as well."

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Tensions in NY/NJ Minority Purchasing Council mirror deeper social divisions

by L. Michelle Odum

NEW YORK—The New York City
Minority Purchasing Council (NYC
MPC) has been established under
the leadership of Chairman Bill
Gardner, and several other Vice
Presidents and Board Members.

provided to minority vendors much
more than a year ago, and to the dis-
tinction of the local council from the Na-
tional Minority Supplier Development
Council (NMSDC).

"There are 13 standards by which all
vendors are measured to maintain affilia-
tion," said Steven Torres, Vice President
for Programs and Field Operations of the

National Minority Supplier Development
Council (NMSDC). "We are working with
the local chapter to ensure these standards
are being met." Torres declines to elaborate
as to what the 13 standards are and which
one was not being met by the local chap-
ter.

"When this council is the local MPC can
no longer use the logo or come under the
suspense of the national network," Torres
said. "If the distinction is maintained, we
will study the response served by the local
chapter that they will be served by as
needed."

Members of the local group through
their Vendor Page Committee, did the lo-
cal Council was not providing a sufficient
number of opportunities for minority ven-
dors to develop informal relationships with
corporate purchasing agents, and was gen-
erally failing to offer the kind of program
necessary to establish the Council's goals.

At NYC Chairman Bill Gardner's
"if we're going to be about real minority
business development, we've got to pull
together. We need to find creative, innova-
tive programs where we can get the local
community to help."

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Blacks help Democrats prepare for largest convention ever

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When New Community Corporation
(NCC) joined forces with Supermarket
Corporation to open a Pathmark
shopping center two years ago, they were
selling "more than a supermarket,"
said John Margolis, Vice President of
Community Supermarket Corporation
and Director of Finance for Supermarket
Corporation.

"It has become a social meeting
place," he said.

The sentiment was affirmed by
Cecilia Phillips, an NCC Board member
and community activist. "It takes an

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